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I am writing to express my opposition to SB 405, which would eliminate Election Day voter registration in Montana.

Last year, I registered and voted on Election Day. If Montana had not had Election Day voter registration, I would not have been able to cast my ballot.

Like many others that I met at the Missoula County Fairgrounds on Election Day, I thought that I was registered. I filled out a voter registration card at the DMV and did not notice that I had not received a voter registration card.

On Election Day I went to work for a few hours and then left to vote. At my polling location, I was told that I was not on the voter rolls and the only way that I could vote was to go to the Missoula County Fairgrounds.

There were hundreds of other people waiting to vote and despite the long line, people were resigned to stay and cast their ballot and I don't remember seeing anybody leave. I was at the fairgrounds for at least four hours on Election Day and eventually called into work and told them that I was not going back to the office.

I am the Director of the School of Art at the University of Montana and was able to take the day to vote. Not all Montanans even have the option when people have to work multiple jobs just to get by.

I would not have been able to vote without Election Day voter registration. I have no idea why you would make it harder for someone to vote, to participate. I oppose efforts to eliminate Election Day voter registration.

Sincerely,

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